PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Ontario Provincial Grange

—HELD IN—

THE CITY OF TORONTO

—ON—

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday,

FEBRUARY 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd, 1884

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THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

TEMPERANCE HALL, TORONTO, February 19th, 1884.

FIRST DAY.

Morning Session opened at 10 o'clock, a. m.; the Worthy Master presiding.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

R. J. Doyle, ...Master,
A. Gifford, ...Secretary,
R. Wilkie, ...Treasurer,
L. Vancamp, ...Steward,
Mrs. G. Lethbridge, ...Ceres.
P W. Noxon, ...Overseer,
R. Currie, ...Lecturer,
W. J. Woods, ...Chaplain,
W Brock, ...Gate Keeper.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. McMordie and Jesse Trull. In the absence of the Assistant Steward and Lady Assistant Steward, Bro. John Weber and Sister Mrs. D. H. Marsden were appointed by the Worthy Master to fill their respective offices.

Bros. W. Brock, Hugh Reid and D. Wright were appointed a committee on credentials.

Bros. J. C. Shepley, J. Trull, R. Currie, H. Clendenning, P. Hepinstall and T. S. McLeod, were appointed a committee to name standing committees.

In the absence of Sisters Nelles and Garbutt the Worthy Master named Sisters Wood and Frazer to fill the offices of Pomona and Flora.

The Worthy Master read his annual address, as follows:—

We cheerfully welcome you Sister and Brother Patrons to this, the third annual meeting of Ontario Provincial Grange. We realize that you are sent here in an official capacity, to council one with the other as to the best means to secure the greatest benefits not only to the many thousands of Patrons in Ontario, but to the whole agricultural population of our fair Province, for we cannot benefit ourselves without at the same time assisting our fellow agriculturists.

Though providence in His wisdom has not given us as bountiful a harvest the last year as in some former years, yet let us be thankful, as a Province we have enough and to spare—that no famine has visited our land, and that we as farmers can meet as a happy and contented community.

The season of the year is one which enables the farmers to devote more time than in other seasons to mental and social culture—to studying their relationships (as tillers of the soil) to the commerce of our country. Let us all embrace the opportunity afforded us for advancement and improvement.

We have to congratulate you that the Grange is on the whole prosperous, and while the membership may not have largely increased, yet the noble work has been carried on with vigor and success, and we believe that to-day there is a greater appreciation among the members of the benefits derived from co-operation than at any time in the history of the Grange. The power and influence of the Grange was never more respected than now; its deliberations were never more closely watched and criticised than they are to-day. These facts should teach us that we should be moderate in our demands, that we should watch carefully that we ask for justice and justice only; and if we are united no earthly power can come between us and the justice which we ask.

As loyal citizens we submit to laws which enrich the few at the expense of the many—to laws which exempt from taxation certain classes, increasing the burdens of other classes; but while we submit we do not approve, and we conceive it to be our duty to ourselves, to our fellow agriculturists and our privilege as citizens to use all constitutional means to have such unjust laws removed from the statutes of our country.

We should fully realize that all tariff questions are questions of political economy, and not party politics, that it is a question of most vital importance to the agriculturist—that it is one of those questions that should be fully understood by every farmer in the land, and there is no reason why the Grange should allow party politicians to attempt to make this great question a political one in order that it may not be fully discussed and carefully considered by every Grange. We hope to see the Dominion Grange follow the example of the National Grange of the United States in declaring that this question shall hereafter be considered as one of political economy rather than one of party politics. As a representative institution in which every member of our order has the fullest right to express his opinions as to our laws and usages, it is our duty to carefully consider all propositions for amendments to our constitution and by-laws, and to recommend to the Dominion Grange such changes from time to time as are for the best interests of the order; and we conceive it to be the duty of the members of the Dominion Grange, elected by this Grange, to use every effort to carry out the expressed wishes of this Grange.

It is pleasing to note the increased interest taken in Educational subjects by the members of the Grange from one end of the Dominion to the other, showing conclusively that a higher and more practical education for the young agriculturists is demanded. It is pleasing to note the growing appreciation of the efforts of the government of Ontario to make the Agricultural College and Experimental Farm an institution that any Patron may be proud of. The recent combinations of railway corporation which has received so much municipal and Provincial aid, the continuous demand of powerful railway corporations for government aid, must be received with no small degree of alarm by the agriculturists of Ontario, and united and determined action should be taken to protect the farmers, as increased rates of carriage means decreased profits to the tillers of the soil.

The great and lasting benefits of the Grange are not as fully appreciated by farmers who are not members of our order as they should be. There is not the man living to-day that can fully realize the benefits of the Grange to the next generation, and it is most desirable that our sons and our daughters should become members of the order at an early age, when the mind is most suscepti-

ble of influences for good or evil. The Patrons of to-day will soon have passed away, and we should see that our children should be early trained to love the occupation of their fathers, and trained to understand more fully the mode of securing the greatest results with the least labor and expense. Co-operation in thought, co-operation in practice, co-operation in work, co-operation in results is our aim; in union there is strength. Our order has accomplished much by co-operation but greater results in the future are awaiting us if we are true to the great principles laid down as ours.

Working together for the greatest good to the greatest number; putting away selfishness, distrust, jealousy and malice; cultivating faith, hope and charity.

R. J. DOYLE, Master of Ont. Prov. Grange.

Moved by Bro. H. Glendenning, seconded by Bro. J. C. Shepley, That the Worthy Masters Address be referred to the committee on officer's reports.—Carried.

The Worthy Master stated that Mr. J. H. Mason, President of the Torrens Land Transfer Association wished to address the Grange respecting the objects of the Association. Also that Mr. D. L. McKinnon wished to lay before the members his proposition to manufacture sewing machines and other articles to be sold direct to the members.

Moved by John McManus, seconded by John Darby, That Mr. J. H. Masson be allowed to address the Grange respecting the objects of the Torrens Land Transfer Association to-morrow morning. -Carried.

Bro. Daniel Wright submitted Report No. 1 of Committee on Credentials, showing the following members present and entitled to vote:

From Division		48	John W. Logan and wife.
"	"	17	Peter McIntosh.
"	"	17	George Lethbridge and wife.
"	"	34	J. P. Palmer and wife.
"	"	29	James Wilson. (special vote).
"	"	1	J. T. Pettit.
"	"	28	G. H. Chrysler.
"	"	4	John McManus.
"	"	27	Robert Currie.
			George Hood.
"	"	23	Daniel Wright.
			Samuel Goodfellow.
"	"	43	Charles Moffitt and wife.
"	"	37	Thomas Reazin.
"	"	50	Robert Barker.
"	"	14	Levi Vancamp.
"	"	14	Jesse Trull.
"	"	11	R. Wilkie and wife.
"	"	11	W. H. White.
"	"	6	John McDougall.
"	"	33	Charles Walker
"	"	53	J. H. Fraser and wife.
			W. J. Woods and wife.
"	"	32	David H. Morden and wife.
			S. Ballachey.
"	"	3	Alexander Servos.
"	"	21	Peter Heppinstall and wife.
			James Cinnell.

From Division 18 Jabel Robinson.
" " 25 H. Glendenning.
" " 15 John Brander and wife.
" " 41 P. W. Noxon (seated).
" " 20 T. S. McLeod.
" " 20 John Darby.
" " 12 A. McLachlan.
" " 2 R. J. Doyle and wife.
" " 2 A. Gifford, Hugh Reid, John Weber.
" " 36 J. C. Shepley and wife.
" " 36 S. G. Wigle.

Moved by Bro. R. Wilkie, seconded by Bro. G. Hood, That the report of the Committee on Credentials be received, striking out the names of members not arrived, and when so amended, be adopted and engrosed on the minutes. —Carried.

On motion made and seconded the Grange suspended business until two o'clock p. m.

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AFTERNOON.

At 2:20 p. m. the Grange resumed business, the Worthy Overseer in the chair and Bro. L. Vancamp occupying the Overseer's seat.

Moved by H. Glendenning, seconded by Robert Currie, That no member be allowed to speak more than five minutes upon one subject, not more than once on the same subject except with the permission of the Worthy Master. —Carried.

The Worthy Master entered and took the chair.

Moved by Bro. G. H. Crysler, seconded by Bro. A. Servos, That Bro. Glazebrook, of Norfolk, be allowed to take his seat in this Grange as a representative from Division Grange No. 28.—Lost.

Moved by Robert Currie, seconded by J. C. Shepley, That Mr. McKinnon be allowed the privilege of addressing this Grange for fifteen minutes.

Moved by John Darby, seconded by J. McManus (in amendment), That Mr. McKinnon be heard before this Grange for fifteen minutes in regard to the manufacture of sewing machines, but not in respect to the charges against the Supply Company.—Carried.

Bro. H. Glendenning submitted Report No. 1 of Committee appointed to name Standing Committees as follows:

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Press Committee—Bros. R. Wilkie, J. C. Shepley and P. W. Noxon.
Committee on Officers' Reports—Bros G. H. Crysler, G. Lethbridge and Levi Vancamp.

Moved by Bro. Wilkie, seconded by Bro. Robinson, That Bro. W. H. White be added to the Press Committee.—Carried.

Moved and seconded that Report No. 1 of Committee to strike Standing Committees be received, adopted and engrossed on the minutes.—Carried.

Bro. Daniel Wright submitted Report No. 2 of Committee on Credentials, showing the following as having arrived since previous report:

Div. No. 3 Sister Mrs S. A. Nelles.
" " 14 Sister Trull.
" " 16 Bro. Wm Clark and wife.
" " 7 Bro. John Kippen.
" " 38 Bro. John Ramsey.
Div. No. 14 Bro. J. Garbutt & wife
" " 14 Sister Vancamp.
" " 7 Bro. P. McKenzie.
" " 34 Bro. A. Shire and wife
" " 37 Sister Mrs. Reasin.

And Lady Assistant Steward Sister Mrs. W. O'Neill.

Moved and seconded that Report No. 2 of Committee on Credentials be received, adopted and engrossed on the minutes.—Carried

Bro. R. McMordie read report of Executive Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ONTARIO PROVINCIAL GRANGE.

To the Worthy Master and Members of Ontario Provincial Grange:

Your Executive Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

We have much pleasure in congratulating the Grange upon the increasing interest which has been exhibited by the agriculturists of our country in the progress of the Grange and its institutions during the past year; also in the interest expressed by the government of the Province in the prosperity of the farming community, and in the courtsey extended to your committee whenever it became necessary to confer with them on matters connected with your welfare.

In compliance with a resolution passed at last meeting of Provincial Grange your Committee caused twenty thousand copies of an official circular to be printed, and had them distributed through the subordinate Granges, amongst agriculturists, setting forth the aims and objects of the Grange.

An invitation was given to those institutions connected with our Order extending to them the privilege of printing an advertisement on the back of the circular drawing the attention of the public to those institutions on condition that they bear a portion of the expense. This offer was taken advantage of by the Fire Insurance Company, the Grange Trust, the Salt Co., and the Owen Sound Bulletin. By this arrangement your committee were enabled to issue this circular at a cost of $1.25 per thousand to this Grange. We believe that these circulars have awakened a spirit of enquiry among farmers generally, from which we may expect good results to follow.

Your Committee met with the Directors of the Agricultural and Arts Associations, and consulted with them respecting setting apart one day of the Exhibition Week to be called the farmer's day at the Exhibition in Guelph. They offered us twenty per cent of the receipts on Thursday in excess of those on Wednesday. This offer we accepted; and we are pleased to be able to inform you that it was a success financially, as there was a large number of visitors on that day, and after paying all expenses we have placed to the credit of this Grange $243.59.

Your Committee taking into consideration the scarcity of farm laborers and the increasing interest felt by farmers in all kinds of labor saving machines, especially self-binding reapers, believe it would be interesting and instructive to have a trial of these machines at the Experimental Farm on that day; also a trial of sulky plows. President Mills kindly consented to place a field of grain at our disposal for the purpose of testing the binders; but for some reason best known to themselves, manufacturers refused to enter their machines for competition, although all reasonable efforts were made by your committee and the directors to induce them to do so. Professor Brown met the views of your committee by holding the annual sale of stock on Friday. We also had a tent in the exhibition grounds where our Sisters and brothers could meet for social intercourse. Apart from the financial aspect of these arrangements, and what we consider of more importance is the opportunity it gives for bringing our organization before the public.

Your Committee resolved that in view of the numerous advantages to be derived from continuous settlement in new sections of country, and in order to retain the sons of farmers in their native Province, being as they are the best pioneers for opening and improving the large extent of crown lands now lying

unproductive, we requested the Government to set apart two townships for settlement by the Ontario Provincial Grange. Such townships to be selected by the Executive Committee from the unoccupied lands, and to be unincumbered by *timber limits.* Considerable correspondence took place between your Secretary and Mr. Pardee, Commissioner of Crown Lands, who expressed a favorable opinion of the project; and at the last meeting of your committee we had an interview with the Commissioner when he stated that if we thought proper to appoint a committee to select the land subject to certain rules and regulations, our wishes would be complied with.

It now remains for this Grange to express an opinion either favorably or otherwise of this enterprise.

Provincial Grange having, by vote at its last session, determined that in the interest of the order to have official lists of members in good standing, as well as of those in arrears; more especially was it requisite in order that the various institutions organized under the authority of the Grange and for the benefit of members in good standing only should be furnished with the same. The Executive Committee considered it necessary to take action in compliance with that decision, we therefore requested the Secretary to have your decision made known to Division and Subordinate Secretaries by having it printed on the back of Quarterly Reports.

Your Committee, aware of the importance of the agricultural community becoming more familiar with our provincial laws, especially those relating to our own profession, as from a want of such knowledge misunderstandings frequently arise between neighbors, we memoralized the Government, asking them to supply a copy of the consolidated statutes with the amendments thereto to each Subordinate Grange, we subsequently interviewed Mr. Mowat with reference to the matter. He very kindly consented to recommend to his colleagues to grant our request where Granges were endeavoring to establish libraries. We hope that Subordinate Granges will make an effort to form a library so that they may be able to take advantage of this proposition He also thought it would be practicable to forward a copy of all bills in which farmers were directly interested to Masters and Secretaries of Division Granges, and Executive Committee of Provincial Grange that those officers might have an opportunity of watching the general interest of the farming community.

Your Committee cannot approve of the amendment to the constitution of the Dominion Grange providing for representation to Pro. Granges, as it bears especially heavy on large Divisions, and makes no provision for Sub. Granges reporting direct to Provincial Grange. We would recommend this Grange to take such action as would secure a more just system of representation. Your Committee requested your Secretary to issue a circular to Division and Sub ordinate Grange Secretaries drawing attention to this change in the constitution, and also if dues were not promptly paid they could not be represented in Provincial Dominion Grange.

Your Committee feel much pleasure in reporting the continued success of the Mutual Fire Insurance Co.; it continues to grow in favor with the Grange and farmers generally. The policies last year being much in excess of any previous year owing to its composition. Its solvency is placed beyond doubt, and as the business principles on which it is conducted become better known we may look for a much larger increase of business.

Your Committee have also been assured of the continued success of the Grange Wholesale Supply Co. There is yet a large amount of stock which has not been subscribed for. We would urge on members of the Grange to subscribe for the balance as soon as possible.

We would also direct the attention of this meeting to the Grange Trust which was instituted for the purpose of relieving farmers from paying extortionate rates of interest. Shareholders becoming borrowers share in the profits. Your Committee believe that it would be to the advantage of Patrons to take an interest in this, as by doing so they would assist in driving out agents of foreign capitalists whose only object is to extort the largest percentage on terms that frequently ruin the borrowers.

Your Committee have much pleasure in drawing your attention to a company which has been organized by a few of our brothers in the Grange entitled the Peoples Co-operative Salt Manufacturing Company (Limited.) Their prospectus has been before the Grange for some time, and a large amount of stock, about $20,000, has been subscribed, but not sufficient to justify the Provisional Directors in commencing operations. As it is only by co-operation we can successfully resist those rings and monopolies that combine against us, and as salt is one of the necessaries of life, and as we are compelled to pay to the salt ring a bonus of seventy-five cents over and above the cost of manufacturing of each barrel of salt manufactured, we would suggest to those who have not yet taken stock to do so at once, and enable the Company to commence operations this spring.

In order to avoid litigation me would suggest the propriety of Messrs. Harris and McKinnon laying their differences before your committee on claims and grievances, or attend a special committee appointed for the purpose so that the members of the Grange may be informed of the correctness of their respective statements.

As petitions have been in circulation for some time with the intention of requesting our Provincial Government to adopt the Torrens Land Transfer System. A System which must recommend itself to all by its simplicity and effectiveness. We would therefore suggest that this Grange take such steps as in its wisdom it may think best to strengthen the hands of the petitioners in requesting the Government to embody it in the laws of this Province.

In compliance with instructions we received at last meeting of Provincial Grange to watch legislation on behalf of the farming community. It having come under our notice that the Millers Association had sent a delegation to Ottawa to interview Mr. Tilley, the Finance Minister, asking that the duty on wheat be reduced from fifteen to seven and one-half cents per bushel, and as there has not been sufficient wheat grown in the Dominion during the past year to supply the local demand. Your Committee caused petitions to be circulated for signature asking the Dominion Government not to grant the millers' request, as by reducing the duty on wheat without removing that on flour would increase the profit of the millers at the expense of farmers without reducing the price of flour to the consumers. We also ask for the removal of duty from salt, plaster and other fertilizers, and that the duty on agricultural implements and the material used in their construction be reduced to ten per cent, ad valorem, as those excessive duties press heavily on the farmers of this Province, also on those of the North West. Your Committee believe this to be a suitable time to draw the attention of the Government to this matter, especially so, as the Dominion Grange is to meet at Ottawa during the present Session of Parliament.

Your Committee believe that the present representation in County Councils is much larger than is required considering the limited powers delegated to such bodies, and in consideration of the oft expressed wish of this Grange that a reduction should be made, and as the basis of representation as now fixed is very unjust to rural municipalities, we believe that municipalities should be

represented according to their assessed value, which we would illustrate by a case in point. The Township of Osborne, in the County of Huron, assessed at upwards of two millions, elects one Reeve and one Deputy-Reeve The town of Exeter, in the same county, and half of it situated in Osborne Township, aforesaid, elects one Reeve and one Deputy-Reeve, though only assessed at three hundred thousand dollars. As this question has been before the people for a number of years, we believed it would be very satisfactory to have a change made, and we instructed your secretary to have petitions printed and distributed for signature, asking the Provincial Government to pass a law that no County Councils shall be composed of more than twelve persons, and that such representation be based upon the assessed value of property, and not on the number of ratepayers. Your Committee, therefore, hope that this meeting will take such steps as they think advisable to urge upon the Government the necessity for a change and redress for the wrong inflicted by the present system.

Our success in the past warrants us in the belief that if our efforts are judiciously directed, our influence is sufficient to enable us to secure many wholesome and needed reforms. Legislation should be the combined wish of the people clothed with authority, and legislators should be ever anxious to know the united requirements of the people. Many needed reforms await our actions, and will require our united efforts and all the influence we can bring to bear upon them.

The growing power of railway monopolies is a matter that will require not only the combined efforts of farmers, but of all other industrial classes to keep them in check. They assume rights that belong to the people, and tax their products at will, and warn them against any attempt to recover the rights that have been innocently yielded. In consideration of these facts, your Committee would earnestly urge upon this Grange the necessity of instructing your delegates to Dominion Grange to press upon the attention of the Government the propriety of controlling the growing power of railway corporations, and appointing a railway commissioner to equalize and adjust the rates of transportation, etc.

In conclusion, your Committee is aware of the difficulty this Grange has experienced in having the laws amended so as to meet the requirements of the agricultural community, owing to the strong opposition of other interests. Our interests and our numbers demand (forming as we do seven-tenths of the population), that we should have a larger representation in our legislative halls. Every Class and profession should be fully represented, such being the case it is the duty of every true Patron, and of every agriculturist throughout the country, to vote for none, but those who belong to our profession and who they feel assured will take an interest in their prosperity.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, { JESSE TRULL,
ROBERT McMORDIE,

Moved and seconded, that the Report of the Executive Committee be referred to the Committee on Officers Reports.—Carried.

The Secretary read his Report as follows :

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Master and Members of the Ontario Provincial Grange. I beg to submit the following statement showing work and results for the year 1883.

During the early part of the year a good deal of interest was manifested, and I anticipated a very prosperous season for the Order ; but as time advanced there was a marked falling off in Reports which continued until the commence-

ment of the third quarter of the year, since which there has been more interest taken than at any time since the Provincial Grange was organized.

The Report to the Dominion Grange for Quarter No. 4, of 1882, carried dues for about 15000 members, while that for the last quarter of 1883 carries dues for over 20000 members. To secure this showing a large number of Granges have been resuscitated, some even over three years in arrears having paid up their dues to the close of the year In my last Report to the Grange I suggested that some basis of compromise be defined on which Granges in arrears could regain their standing. However, no action was taken by either the Provincial or Dominion Granges; had there been I presume the number of Granges inarrears would have been very much less than it is now.

Of Granges belonging to Divisions reporting to the Provincial, and the Charters of which have not been cancelled our surrendered, I find there are 77 from which no reports have been received since the Provincial Grange was organized, and 13 which have been reported cancelled or surrendered. Of those reporting during the year 1881, being the first year of the Provincial Grange, there are 82 in arrears for one or more quarters of that year.

Of those Granges reporting for the year 1881, there are 125 in arrears for one or more quarters of the year 1882. Many of those only miss a quarter or two and then commence again.

For the present year (1883), there are still 252 Granges in arrears, but the larger part of those are for the closing quarter of the year, and will probably be sent in at an early date.

Since the organization of the Provincial Grange sixteen subordinates have reported direct to it; of these three have reported recently to Divisions, and of the balance eight are more or less in arrears. A number of letters have been received from Sub. Granges located in divisions which have ceased to report asking on what terms they can be allowed to report direct to the Provincial Grange, and receive the A. W. Of those already reporting some decline to pay more than is paid by the Divisions, claiming that, as they have not the advantages of connecting with a Division Grange, and therefore no representative in the Provincial Grange, they are unduly taxed in having to pay the same as Divisions which are represented.

Of Division Granges, Oxford No. 22, Wellington No. 30, and Hastings No 42, have made no report to the Provincial during the last three years.

Brant Division No. 8 has only reported for the first two quarters of 1881, Leeds and Granville Division, No. 44, has made no report for either of the years 1882 or '83. West Lambton No. 5, and North Perth No. 40, have as yet made no report for 1883, and Victoria Division No. 13, has surrendered its charter.

The receipts and expenditure for the year 1883 are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Dues from Division Granges	$1604 85
Dues from Sub. Granges	63 79
Printed matter sold	13 72
Agricultural and Arts Association	298 77
	$1981 13

EXPENDITURE.

Dominion Grange Dues	$842 82	
Treasurer (cash and cheques)	589 80	
Expenses Ex. Com.	127 92	
Salary Account,	192 00	
Books and Stationery	8 06	
Printing	124 75	
Bank Commissions	2 56	
Postages	47 25	
Telegrams	1 84	
Sundries	44 13	$1981 13

Sundries composed of following items:

Expenses arranging for meeting	$7 50
Post Office Box	1 00
Pins for Badges	35
Carriage of Trunk	70
Mucilage, Twine and Ink	65
Freight and charges on Circulars	2 60
Do. Circulars from Owen Sound	65
Expenses re. Excursion to Guelph	3 50
Rubber Bands for Posters	65
Mailing Posters (by an assistant)	1 00
Tent at Guelph	15 00
Furniture for Tent	4 00
Stamps on hand	6 53
	$44 13

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure in re. Guelph Exhibition:

RECEIPTS.—Draft less commission		$298 02
EXPENDITURE.		
Arranging for Excursion	$3 50	
Rubber bands for Posters	45	
Boy to assist in mailing	1 00	
Printing	17 50	
Postage on Posters	10 00	
Tent and Furniture	19 00	
Care of Tent	3 00	
Balance in favor of Grange	243 57	$298 02

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. GIFFORD, Secretary.

Moved and seconded, that the Report of the Secretary be referred to the Committee on Officers Reports.—Carried.

Moved and seconded, that Bro. H. Glazebrook be allowed to address the Grange.—Carried.

In accordance with the foregoing resolution Bro. Glazebrook proceeded to address the Grange respecting the several institutions connected with the Grange, more especially the Wholesale Supply Co. and the Salt Company.

The Worthy Master asked that while awaiting report of Committee on Standing Committees the Delegates present suggestions entrusted to them by their respective Granges.

Moved by Bro Robinson, seconded by Bro. Gifford, that the various suggestions introduced by the Delegates be referred to the committees on the respective subjects to which they refer.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. W. J. Woods, seconded by Bro. A. Gifford, that Bros. J. H. Frazer, Noxon, Glendenning and Brock be a special committee to receive the Suggestions and Resolutions of Delegates, assort them and place them in the hands of the proper committee.—Carried.

Bro. W. M. Harris asked for the privilege of addressing the Grange for a short time.

On motion it was decided to hear Bro. Harris, who proceeded to speak with reference to matters connected with the Wholesale Supply Company, of which he is manager.

Considerable discussion having taken place respecting the difficulty between Bro. W. M Harris and Mr. D. S. McKinnon,

It was moved by S. Ballachy, seconded by R. McMordie, that the matter of Harris vs. McKinnon be laid before the committee on Claims and Grievances.—Carried.

Bro. H. Glendenning submitted Report No. 2 of committee appointed to name standing committees, as follows:

Committee on Legislation.—Bro. J. Robinson, R. Currie, John McManus, J. C. Sheply, A. Glendenning, J. Connell and A. Gifford.

Com on Claims and Grievances.—Bros. R. Currie, W. H. White, A. Servos, R. McMordie, T. S. McLeod, Eli Crawford, J. P. Palmer and Chas. Moffatt.

Com. on Good of the Order.—Bros. R. McKenzie, J. A. Spence, John McDougall, J. Weber, S. Ballachy, and Sisters Logan, Wilkie and Vancamps.

Com. on Insurance.—Bros R. J. Doyle, J. Trull, D. Wright and R. McMordie.

Com. on Wool and Mutton.—Bros. J. Darby, R. Baker, S. T. Pettit, J. H. Fraser and W. J. Wood.

Com. on House and Home.—Sisters Mrs. S. A. Nelles, J. Garbutt, Reasin, Wood, Trull, Clark, Moffatt, Shier, Fraser, and Bro. W. J. Wood.

Com. on Finance.—Bros. Geo. Hood, John Darby, Hugh Reid, A. McLachlan and Wm Clark.

Com. on Agriculture and Noxious Weeds.—Bros. F. T. Pettit. J. Trull, A. Shier, S. G. Wigle, T. Reazin, D. Patterson and S. Goodfellow.

Com. on Education.—Bros. D. Wright, P. Heppinstall, W. Shunk, J. Devines, D. H. Morden and Jas. Wilson.

Com. on Constitution and By-Laws.—Bros. T. S. McLeod, J. Ramsey, J. N. Logan, John Brander and J. Kippen.

Com. on Temperance.—Sisters R. J. Doyle, J. C. Sheply, W. H. White, Brander, G. Lethbridge and Bro S. G. Wigle.

Com. on Commercial Relations.—Bros. T. S. McLeod, Wm Brock, G. B. Miller, J. Tolmie and J. McManus.

Com. on Salaries and Expenses.—Bros. R. Currie, J. C. Sheply, H. Glendenning and P Heppenstall.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

H. Glendenning,
J C. Sheply,
Robt Currie,
Peter Heppenstall,
T S. McLeod.

Moved by H. Glendenning, seconded by W. J. Woods, that Report No. 2 of committee appointed to strike standing committees be received, adopted, and engrossed on the minutes.—Carried.

The following report No. 3 of Committee on Credentials was read by Bro. D. Wright:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report the following as duly accredited Delegates to this session of the Grange:

Division No. 9—William Shunk and Isaac Devins.

Division No. 16—James A. Spence.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

D. Wright,
Signed, Wm. Brock,
H. Reid.

Moved and seconded that the Grange do now adjourn until 9 o'clock sharp to morrow morning.—Carried.

Temperance Hall, Toronto, Feb. 20th, 1884.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION—9:15.

Grange opened by the Worthy Master.

Moved by J. Robinson, seconded by G. Lethbridge, that inasmuch as the Hon. G. W. Ross has expressed a desire to address this meeting on the question of Education, we extend a cordial invitation to the Hon. Gentleman to do so, and that the mover and seconder be a committee to introduce him to the meeting.—Carried.

The Secretary read proceedings of first day's meeting.

Moved by R. McMordie, seconded by J. C. Sheply, that the minutes as read be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by J. C. Sheply, seconded by W. H White, that Mr. McKinnon be allowed to address the Grange immediately after the close of the speech of the Minister of Education.—Carried.

The Hon. Mr. Ross was introduced by Bros. Robinson and Lethbridge, and received with applause by the members. He then proceeded to address the Grange on the Educational system of Ontario, showing its advantages in a few well chosen remarks. After closing his speech a number of questions were asked, some of which referring to the present system of Inspection, indicated that the questioners considered it of very doubtful advantage to the schools.

After Mr. Ross had taken his seat the Worthy Master called upon Bro. Graham, who accompanied the Minister, to address the meeting; this he did in a few pithy remarks.

Moved by P. W. Noxon, seconded by Levi Vancamp, that the thanks of this Grange be tendered to the Hon. G. W. Ross, for his very able and instructive address. Motion responded to by a standing vote.

Messrs Ross and Graham having retired the Worthy Master asked Mr. McKinnon to come forward, and requested the Stewards to ascertain if only members were present.

The Steward reported all present correct Mr. McKinnon then came forward and proceeded to place before the members his plan of manufacturing and selling sewing machines at first cost, without the intervention of agents. He also proposed to manufacture a number of other household articles on the same plan. Mr. McKinnon answered a large number of questions very satisfactorily, and on withdrawing asked to be allowed to place one of his machines in the hall for inspection, which was granted.

Bro. Glazebrook asked to be heard for a short time relative to the People's Salt Company.

On motion made and seconded the Grange suspended business until 1:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grange resumed business at 1:45 p. m. Worthy Master in the chair.

Moved by Robt. McMordie, seconded by George Hood, that the Financial Statement of Treasurer and Auditors be printed and distributed to the Delegates as soon as possible.—Carried.

Mr. J. H. Mason and several other gentlemen, members of the Torrens Land Transfer Association having arrived Bros. Gifford and Reid were requested to conduct them in. The gentlemen having been introduced to the Worthy Master and members took seats on the platform, and Mr. Mason, followed by other members of the Deputation, presented the advantages of the proposed system to the members of the Grange, who gave close attention, it being undoubtedly a very important question to farmers, they being the largest landholders. Some of the ladies being anxious to know how the proposed system would affect the matter of *dower*, it was explained that that would be fully provided for in any legislation that might be enacted on the subject.

Moved by J. Robinson, seconded by W. J. Wood, that the thanks of this Grange are due and are hereby tendered to the gentlemen of the Torrens Land Transfer Association for the information they have given us on the subject—Carried.

Bro. G. B. Miller submitted a verbal report of the Auditors', stating that they found the books correctly kept, and vouchers for all payments except postages and some minor items which were accounted for; he also complimented the Treasurer on the very creditable appearance of the books, it being customary for farmers to be rather indifferent about such matters.

The Worthy Treasurer read his report as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of Ontario Provincial Grange:

Your Treasurer begs to submit the following statement of the finances of this Grange for the year ending the 31st of December, 1882:

To amount balance at the close of 1882,		$ 995 92
" Receipts from Divisions		1724 64
" Proceeds from Guelph Exhibition		298 77
" Interest on Deposits		25 77
		$3045 10
By amount of disbursements	$1891 85	
" Balance at the close 1885	1153 25	$3045 10

RECEIPTS.

1883. First Quarter. Detailed Statement.		Dr.
To amount on hand at the close of 1882		$995 92
January 5th, to Cash from Secretary	$107 64	
Feb'y 16th, to do. do.	100 00	
To Cheques paid by Secretary	391 38	$599 02
		$1594 94

DISBURSEMENTS.

1883.	Detailed Statement.		Cr.
Jan'y 4th,	By paid A. Gifford expenses to Toronto	$ 7 50	
20th,	" James Grant copying books, etc. ..	3 75	
26,	" L. Cheyne, Dom. Grange Dues ..	306 65	
"	" Patterson & Watson, printing ..	4 75	
31,	" McMillan & Co., printing ..	75	
"	" Patterson & Watson, R. R Certificates	1 00	
Feb'y 1,	" W. Harkness, envelopes	1 00	
6.	" Patterson & Watson, R. R. Certificates	1 25	
12,	" Jabel Robinson as W. M.	25 00	
"	" R. Wilkie, salary as Treasurer ..	25 00	
"	" J. Robinson, Ex. Com. work	2 00	
"	" A. J. Hughes, executive and other work	11 00	
"	" A. Gifford, executive work .. .	11 85	
"	" Walker & Sons, pins	35	
17,	" L Cheyne, services as Auditor ...	5 50	
"	" Delegates to Ont. Provincial Grange	510 38	
18,	" J. Grand, tacks, bands, paper, etc. ..	78	
Mar. 22,	" R. J. Doyle executive work ...	7 00	
"	" R. McMordie, do. do.	13 50	
"	" Jessee Trull, do. do. ..	5 25	
"	" A. Gifford, do. do.	13 00	$957 26

RECEIPTS.

1883	Second Quarter. Detailed Statement.		Dr.
	To amount brought forward from first quarter		$1594 94
May 10,	To cash from Secretary	$100 25	
	" cheques paid by Secretary	380 57	480 82

DISBUREMENTS.

1883.	Second Quarter. Detailed Statement.		Cr.
	By amount brought forward from first quarter	$957 26	
April 16	By paid L. Cheyne 1st qr. Dom. Grange dues	320 57	
May 11,	" John Rutherford, stationery, etc. ..	10 00	
21,	" J. B. McLaren, printing proceedings ..	50 00	$380 57

THIRD QUARTER RECEIPTS.

To cheques paid by Secretary		$253 29

THIRD QUARTER—DISBURSEMENTS.

July 18,	By paid J. Trull, Executive Committee	$19 27	
" "	R. J. Doyle, do. do. ...	7 05	
" "	A. Gifford, do. do. ..	7 50	
" "	J. B. McLaren, printing	12 50	
26, "	L. Cheyne, sec'd quarter D. G. dues	85 00	
Sept. 3, "	L. Cheyne, sec'd quarter D. G. dues	23 87	
14, "	A. Gifford, re. Excursion to Guelph	3 50	
17, "	Hill & Weir, 2,000 Excursion Posters	16 00	
27, "	Jessee Trull, executive work ..	9 00	
"	R. McMordie, do. do.	12 60	196 29
	Carried forward		$2272 05

	Brought forward		$2272 05
"	R. J. Doyle, do. do.	2 00	
"	A Gifford, do. do.	9 50	
"	T. Houlgrave, tent at Guelph ..	15 00	
"	Innes & Davidson, printing ..	1 50	
"	J. Fenwick, tent furniture ...	4 00	
"	J. H. Little, printing	25 00	$57 00
		$1590 10	$2329 05

RECEIPTS.

1883.	Fourth Quarter. Detailed Statement.		Dr.
	To amount brought forward from third quarter		$2329 05
Dec. 12,	To Cash from Secretary	$389 55	
1884	" Cheques paid by Secretary	300 73	
Feb. 15,	" Interest on Deposit	25 77	
			$3044 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

1883.	Fourth Quarter. Detailed statement.		Cr.
	By amount brought forward from third quarter ..		$1590 12
Nov. 16,	By paid L. Cheyne, third qur. D. G. dues	$106 73	
Dec. 29,	" Sunter & McCarter. circulars, etc.	2 00	
31,	" A. Gifford, on account of salary ...	42 00	
	" A. Gifford on account do ...	150 00	300 73
	" Amount balance on hand at close 1883		1153 25
			$3044 10

Moved by Bro. J. A. Spence, seconded by Bro. W. Clark, that the Auditors' Statement be printed in detail.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. H. Reid, seconded by Bro. W. Clark, that 1,000 copies of Auditors' Report be print d.—Lost.

Moved and seconded that the printing of Auditors' Report be referred to the Finance Committee.—Carried.

Moved and seconded, th t the Grange suspend business until 7 o'clock this evening.—Carried.

EVENING SESSION—7:30 P. M.

Grange resumed business; Worthy Master in the chair.

Bro. D. Wright submitted Report No. 3 of the Committee on Credentials.

Report No. 3 of Committee on Credentials.

Your Committee beg leave to report that the certificate of Bro. P. Armstrong as Delegate from Division Grange No. 25, has been duly examined, and we would recommend that he be received as a member and allowed to vote in this Grange.

Signed, DANIEL WRIGHT,
H. REID.

Moved and seconded, that Report No. 3 of Committee on Credentials be received, adopted and engrossed on the minutes.—Carried.

Moved by J. A. Spence, seconded by J. C. Sheply, that as the members are all anxious to hear the investigation of the Harris-McKinnon case, that the Grange do now adjourn and have the investigation in this hall.—Carried.

TEMPERANCE HALL, February 21st.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION, 9 O'CLOCK.

Grange opened in due form by the Worth Master.

The Secretary read minutes of second day's proceedings.

Moved and seconded, that the minutes as read be received and adopted.—Carried.

The Worthy Master asked what action the Grange proposed to take relative to Subordinate Granges in arrears. The Chairman of the Committee on Good of the Order stated that the committee had the matter under consideration.

Moved by Geo, Hood, seconded by Chas Moffat, that this Grange devise means to disseminate throughout the sub. Granges a knowledge of the unwritten work of the Order.—Carried.

Bro. S. T. Pettit submitted Report No. 1 of Committee on Agriculture, which the committee were requested to amend in accordance with suggestions made in the discussion of the question.

Report No. 1 of Committee on Agriculture and Noxious Weeds:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Noxious Weeds, in view of the alarming rapidity with which troublesome weeds are taking possession of the soil of our fair Province, do recommend that this Provincial Grange appoint a deputation to wait upon the Local Legislature in order to secure a Noxious Weed Act immediately, with the following provisions: -

(1.) That it be obligatory upon Township Councils to appoint one or more Inspectors in each Township, whose duty it shall be to enforce the following provisions: Provided 1st, That no (Echinne Vulgare) Blue Thistle, Ox Eye Daisy, Canada Thistle, or Clover Dodder be allowed to go to seed under a penalty of not more than twenty dollars, nor less that two dollars f. r each offence against said provision.

(2.) That any person upon conviction before any Justice of the Peace, of knowingly vending or offering for sale any grass or other seed containing the seeds of (Echinne vulgare) Blue Thistle, Ox Eye Daisy, Canada Thistle, Clover Dodder, Wild Oats, Wild Flax, Wild Mustard, Wild Tares, Viayweed, Pigeon or Red Root, shall be liable to a fine of not less than ten dollars or more than fifty dollars.

(3.) That all persons dealing in seeds of any kind shall be compelled to have their seeds inspected by a proper person before offering them for sale.

(4.) That all Thrashers be compelled to thoroughly clean their machines from seeds of noxious weeds before moving from one farm or thrashing place to another. The penalty for neglecting to do so to be not more than fifteen dollars nor less than five dollars for each offence.

PERMISSIVE.

(5.) That any Township Council may pass a By-law making it illegal to allow any wild oats, wild flax, wild mustard, wild tares, ray weed, or any other noxious weed or weeds, that any township council may think proper to exterminate, to seed. Penalty for violating a township by-law in this behalf, not more than twenty dollars nor less than two dollass for each offence.

(6.) That Township Councils shall have power to pay their noxious weeds Inspectors such sum or sums as they think proper.

(7.) That County Councils shall appoint County Inspectors whose duty it shall be to inspect any seeds offered for sale upon the complaint or request of

any person or persons, or they may inspect any seeds offered for sale in their respective counties wherever or whenever they may think proper to do so.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

THOS. REAZIN,
J. TRULL,
S. A. NELLES,
S. T. PETTIT.

Report No. 2 of Com. on Agriculture. Submitted by Bro. T. Reazin.

Your Committee on Agriculture are proud to know that all classes of our fellow citizens are beginning to acknowledge that Agriculture is the most noble of all pursuits engaging the attention and energies of mankind. It is healthful, elevating and enjoyable, giving happiness, prosperity and self reliance; at the same time cultivating an honesty of purpose and nobleness of mind beyond any other secular calling.

We would recommend that more Dairying be carried on, believing that it is a busin ss in every way remunerative. We would also recommend that farmers in every locality use their minds more in carrying on their business, so as to lighten labor and facilitate success. We further would press upon the minds of our brother farmers to see to the order and cleanliness of their farms. We also recommend that wire fences be supplied as rails and board fences go down, as they are a saving of land, and in some localities prevent the snow from drifting and blocking the roads.

We would also recommend a better mode of farming, and a more complete system of rotation of crops; also to grow more clover, by which means alone the fertility of our lands can be sustained; also to raise more and a better class of stock, and thereby we will be enabled to sell more on hoof and in fleece; and as the exportation of first class beef has become a very important branch of Canadian industry we should turn our attention more in that direction, and would advocate the advisability of forming joint stock companies in different localities for the purpose of keeping thoroughbred stocks of horses and cattle.

Upon the pr sperity of agriculture depends the success and prosperity of all the legitimate pursuits in the civilized world. People may talk about systems and schemes, fiscal policies, trade and manufactures, etc., etc., with quite a show of reason, but in spite of all one bad crop is sufficient to convince all classes that successful cultivation of the soil is the only true basis of prosperity in any new country, and we might with propriety say in any country.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee on Agriculture and Noxious Weeds.

S T. PETTIT,
J. TRULL,
A. SHIRE,
S. G WIGLE,
T. REAZIN,
D. PATTERSON,
S. GOODFELLOW.

Moved by Bro. Reazin, seconded by Bro. Trull, that Report No 2 on Agriculture be received, adopted, and engrossed on the minutes.—Carried.

Sister Mrs. S. A Nelles submitted report of Com. on House and Home.

Report of Committee on House and Home.

WORTHY MASTER,—We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following Essay on House and Home:—

How much truth there is in the old saying "home is where the heart is." Home does not consist in the four walls of a house be they ever so grand or

handsomely furnished. It lies greatly with the wife or mother whether a house shall be a home or not. If the wife or mother is given to ostentation and display to the detriment of her husband and children, it is no home. We must teach our children refinement of manners, so that every room may be thrown open to them. Let them bring home their companions that we may judge for ourselves about their fitness; give them every harmless amusement within our power; join in and show our sympathy in all their undertakings; throw aside self and make them happy, so that neither husband or child will have any cause to seek happiness elsewhere. There is something grand in hearing a husband or child say there is no place like home. But to make a home perfect we must educate our daughters for housekeepers. If a girl has a real talent for housekeeping she will generally have something of the glow-worm in her nature and character; she will shed around her a soft brightness which will light the whole house and family; yet it will be a light that shines upon others, and does not make herself shine. It requires no weak, scanty intellectual power to rule well the domestic affairs of even a comparatively modest household; the eyes of the mind have to be looking at least twenty ways at once, and the thoughts to be travelling in as many directions. When a girl displays decidedly this faculty to the attentive eyes of those who watch over her youth and education, everything should be done to help her unfold it and bring it into active use. She should be entrusted with money and be allowed to manage her own and her sisters' dress; she should be encouraged to take an interest in all practical matters, such as the price of various commodities of food, etc., and should be helped to make experiments in the art of cookery. A girl who would be a really good housekeeper must have a clear head, and must avoid nothing so much as muddle and confusion; the untidily kept account book; the slovenly store-room, where groceries and provisions lie huddled in grand disorder. These things most certainly do not belong to what can be called "good housekeeping." When a girl has a real talent for painting, music, or any art, it should by all means be allowed a first place in the scheme of her education, but when no such talent exists how far better it would be for the girl, and for all with whom she comes in contact in life, to make her at home in those branches of knowledge that would be really serviceable to herself and to those around her. A few words should be said regarding running into extremes, as it is an error into which young housekeepers very often fall; our daughters, when they undertake housekeeping must be careful above all things to keep a middle course in all they do; there must be no waste, but there must be no niggardly narrowness; never cook more than can be used in one day; but neither does it consist in weighing out every ounce of tea, and counting every lump of sugar. She should make the very utmost that can be made out of every bone and every vegetable in the garden. We believe that daughters educated thus would add greatly to home happiness.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, MRS. NELLES, Pomona.

Moved by Mr. Nelles, seconded by Mrs. Garbutt, that the report of the Committee on House and Home be received, adopted and engrossed on the minutes.—Carried.

Bro. C. Crysler submitted report of Committee on Officers Reports as follows:—

AMENDED REPORT OF COMMITTE ON OFFICER'S REPORTS.

To the Worthy Master and Members of Ontario Provincial Grange:

Your Committee selected to examine the official report of the officers of

this Grange beg leave to submit the following:

1st. That the several reports so far placed in our hands we are pleased to say indicate every efficiency in its officers. With reference to the reports we would suggest the desirability of taking more care in dividing into paragraphs and numbering them for convenience of reference.

(2.) We heartily endorse the sentiments conveyed in the Worthy Master's address and would express an earnest hope that he may be long spared to the glorious work of the Order.

(3.) We are gratified to learn from our worthy Secretary's Report of the continued prosperity of the Order in its financial and numerical strength. We regret to learn that some subordinate Granges disconnected with Division Granges decline to comply with Section 8 Art. 4 of constitution governing sub-Granges, and earnestly urge the necessity of their compliance.

(4.) The Auditors' and Treasurer's Reports would indicate, we are happy and pleased to say, that our finances are in a healthy and satisfactory condition.

(5.) From the elaborate report of the Executive Committee showing the vast amount of work performed by them during the past year, we congratulate the Order upon having secured the services of so active and energetic a set of workers, and hope that the Order may be as wisely and successfully served by their successors.

(6.) We notice with pleasure the energy displayed by the Executive Committee in their endeavor to secure Crown Lands for settlement by Ontario Provincial Grange, and hope that their efforts may be attended with much good to the Order.

(7.) We are happy to learn that such arrangements have been made with the Ontario Government that it now lies in the power of each sub-Grange in the Province to obtain a copy of the Consolidated Statutes, and earnestly hope they will avail themselves of it.

(8.) We regret to learn that sufficient capital has not yet been subscribed to the People's Salt Company to justify the Directors in pushing forward the work of manufacture, and hope to hear of renewed activity in this enterprise, the success of which we consider of the utmost importance to the prosperity of the Order.

(9.) We would direct the attention of this Grange to that clause in the Executive Committee's report referring to the growing railway monopolies, and earnestly hope it may be wisely considered by this Grange.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

G. H. Crysler,
Geo. Lethbridge,
Levi Vancamp.

Moved by R. Wilkie, seconded by J. C. Sheply, that the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports be considered clause by clause.—Carried.

Bro. G. H. Crysler read report clause by clause, with amendments, as suggested.

Moved by Bro. Crysler, seconded by Bro. Lethbridge, that the report of Committee on Officers' Reports be adopted as amended and engrossed on the minutes.—Carried.

Moved by J. McManus, seconded by T Reazin, that the higher degrees be conferred in skeleton form.—Carried.

On motion the Grange suspended business until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:20 p. m. Grange resumed business; Worthy Master in the chair.

Bro. S. T. Pettit introduced the subject of noxious weeds, and the necessity for immediate action respecting their eradication.

Moved by S. T. Pettit, seconded by J. Trull, that the following be a committee to wait on the Legislature to secure a Noxious Weed Act, viz:—T. Renzin, A Gifford, J. Trull, S. A. Nelles and the mover, S. T. Pettit.—Carried.

Bro. J. Brander submitted Report No. 1 of Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

Moved and seconded that the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws be received as read, adopted and engrossed on the minutes.—Lost.

Moved by Bro. H Glendenning, seconded by Bro. W. Brock, in amendment, that the report upon Constitution and By-laws be read clause by clause. —Carried.

Report read clause by clause and amended.

Moved and seconded that the Report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws as amended be now adopted and engrossed on the minutes.—Carried.

Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws

We, your Committee on Constitution and By laws, beg leave to report:

(1st.) That we have received and examined the suggestions from Divisions Nos. 14 and 21 with regard to altering the constitution as to initiation fee, but cannot recommend any such change.

(2nd.) Division No. 43 suggests that none but Delegates should be elligible for office or entitled to vote in any Grange, a suggestion endorsed by your Committee, and that this be considered a notice of motion to change the Constitution in this respect.

(3rd. Division 33 handed in a suggestion that Masters of Division Granges be ex-officio members of Provincial Granges, a proposal which we do not consider it advisable to adopt.

(4th.) Division No. 37 requests that the name of the Division be changed from Horning's Mills to West Simcoe, a request which your Committee would ask the Dominion Grange to agree to provided no alteration is made in the present boundary.

(5th.) Division No. 37 petitions for alteration in that part of the Constitution which provides for the admission of children where the parents, or two males of the family are members of the Order, the change being to allow them to be admitted when only one parent is a member. Your Committee however do not feel it to be desirable to make such an alteration.

(6th.) Your Committee would advise that in cases where it becomes necessary to substitute a member in place of the duly elected Delegate, said change should be made and certified by the Division Grange or the Executive Committee thereof, and not by the Provincial Grange.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. S. McLeod,
Signed, John Brander,
John Ramsey,
J. W. Logan,
John Kippen.

Bro. W N. Harriss addressed the Grange for a short time respecting the merits of a harrow and fanning mill he is desirous of introducing to the Grange.

Bro. Daniel Wright submitted report of Committee on Education.

Report of Committee on Education presented and adopted at Session of Ontario Provincial Grange held 21st February, 1884.

Your Committee beg to report that they have given due consideration to the suggestions received from Division Granges and from individual members, relative to this important subject submitted for consideration.

Your committee while duly recognizing the excellence and efficiency of our public school system as established by the Legislature of Ontario and the reputation which it enjoys in other countries, believe that it is still susceptible of improvement, especially in its practical working, for whatever may be the merit or theoretical value of any school or educational system unless it is practically carried into effect and skillfully applied a large proportion of the benefits expected from our system of education will certainly fail of being realized.

Your Committee are happy to be able to report from the address of the Hon. the Minister of Education delivered before the Grange during this Session that our Public School Acts are to be simplified and consolidated at an early Session of the Legislature which will doubtless largely facilitate the carrying into effect its provisions and requirements by Trustees and other officers to whom the administration of the school law is entrusted.

Your Committee would suggest that our Subordinate Granges should make it a special duty to see the schools in their respective school sections are conducted as efficiently as possible, as it is one of the noble aims and objects of our Order "to advance the cause of education among ourselves and for our children by all just means within our power," and as one of the means of giving effect to this duty incumbent on us as a Grange, your committee would recommend the Grangers to see that Trustees, Teachers and Inspectors are faithful and conscientious in the discharge of their respective duties prescribed by the School Law, and that increased interest be taken in the economy and working of the schools.

From information submitted your Committee have reason to believe that the "visits" of some of the public school Inspectors are too often made in merely formal manner, and as a matter of mere routine, exhibiting little interest in the performance of the important duties connected with their office. Your Committee have been assured that any dereliction of duty reported to the Minister of Education on just grounds will receive his careful and attentive consideration, and if just cause be shown such carelessness or incompetent Inspectors will be dealt with to the extent of his powers. Your Committee therefore hope that the members of the Order, both as ratepayers and as members of this Grange, will see it to be their duty that any incompetency or neglect be duly reported that the proper remedy may be applied.

Your Committee would recommend that this Grange assures the Hon. the Minister of Education that his proposal to have only one series of School Reading Books authorized for use in our public schools would be heartily endorsed and approved by the members of our Order, and they believe by the public generally, and your Committee believe that a great boon would be conferred on the country if the Government would secure, with a due regard to vested interests, the copyright of the books so authorized, and see that no establishment has a monopoly of the publishing or sale of those books, and that the price of each be fixed at a maximum figure as slightly over the cost of production as possible.

Your Committee would recommend that in any series of school reading books which may be adopted and duly authorized sufficient prominence be

given in the lessons to subjects relating to rural life; and certain lessons on agricultural science in forms sufficiently simple for the comprehension of the scholars usually in attendance at our country schools, thus preparing them for entering on a more extended course of study if opportunity should offer in the High Schools or in the Agricultural College of Ontario.

Your Committee would also recommend that Teachers be required to teach the elementary branches of education more thoroughly; that greater attention be paid to the teaching of reading, writing, arithmetic and the method of keeping accounts. Your Committee regret to say that in many of our school sections the children after leaving school are unable to read with intelligence or expression; are unable to write an intelligent or legible letter, and though they have been exercised in arithmetical questions and problems, these have not been sufficiently practical to enable them to make correctly the calculations which occur in ordi ary life. This your committee consider a great injury to the children in attendance, and would recommend that greater time be devoted to these elementary branches, which are the foundation of all future improvements in any course of study which may be subsequently pursued.

Your Committee, even at the risk of unduly extending this report, would further suggest that Public School Inspectors be required to give their *whole* time to their duties in connection with the public schools, and that they be required to deliver a Lecture at least once a year at certain places within their school jurisdiction, as great good would result from an intelligent discharge of this duty.

Your Committee would beg to express their approval of the action of the Agricultural and Arts Association of Ontario in inducing young people to read and study the books on Agricultural Science which have been recommended with a view to the Examinations on Scientific and Practical Agriculture authorised to be held under the direction and authority of the Educational Department of Ontario.

Your Committee would also recommend that the course of study in the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes be not confined to the requirements of those studying for what is called the "professions," but should be so liberal as to qualify the students for commercial business, and would also provide for full and efficient instruction in Scientific Agriculture and in the Physical Sciences.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

DANIEL WRIGHT, Chairman.
ISAAC DEVINS,
WILLIAM SHUNK,
D. H. MORDEN,
PETER HEPINSTALL,
JAMES WILSON.

Toronto, 21st February, 1884.

Moved and seconded that Report of Committee on Education be received, adopted and engrossed on the minutes.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. J. Robinson, seconded by Bro. C. H. Crysler, that a copy of the Report of the Committee on Education as adopted, be made and sent to the Minister of Education.—Carried.

Bro. Geo. Hood submitted Report of Finance Committee.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report, viz.:—That the Secretary receive the sum of $250 for his services as secretary.

That the W. Master and W. Treasurer receive each the sum of $25.

That the Delegates allowance at the Session of Ontario Provincial Grange

be $2.00 per day for each day necessary in coming to attending at, and returning from this Grange, and the railway fare to and from said Grange. That the number of copies of Auditors' Financial Report in detail to be printed be one thousand, and that the Executive Committee receive $2.00 per day.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

GEO. HOOD,
W. CLARK,
H. REID,
ARCH. MCLACHLAN,
JOHN DARBY.

Moved by G. Hood seconded by J. Darby that the Report of the Finance Committee be received adopted and entered in the minutes.—Carried.

Bro. P. McKenzie read Report of Committee on the Good of the Order.

To the Worthy Master and Members of Ontario Provincial Grange:

Your Committee on Good of the Order beg leave to report as follows:

In regard to the suggestion of Division No. 7 that all printed matter be sent direct to Subordinate Granges. We would not recommend any change in the duties of the Secretaries of Dominion and Provincial Granges, but would strongly urge Secretaries of Division Granges to be prompt in the distribution of all matter they receive, to Subordinate Granges, and that Secretaries of Subordinate Granges be prompt and particular in bringing all such before their members without delay.

In regard to suggestion from No. 34 respecting weak Granges. We would press on Division Granges that it is their duty to use all means in their power to revive all such within their bounds by sending deputations to visit them and that the Provincial Grange be as lenient as possible with regard to back dues from such if they wish to return, and we would also urge Deputies to exercise a more vigilant supervision over the Granges organized in their district.

We would strongly recommend in order to maintain interest in the Subordinate Granges that members be regular and punctual in attendance at their meetings and endeavor to introduce literary and musical entertainment into the Grange where possible, have every family take one or more of our Grange papers, cultivate taste and refinement in the decoration of their halls, get up entertainments with refreshments occasionally, get out the young people and interest them in our Order.

Your Committee would impress upon the members of the Grange the Good our Order has already done to the farming community as an educator, and remind them that much has yet to be done before we as a class are prepared to take our proper place in society and in the affairs of our country.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

P. MCKENZIE,
J. WEBER,
J. MCDOUGALL,
S. BALLACHEY,
J. A. SPENCE,
Mrs. LOGAN,
" WALKER,
" VANCAMP.

Moved and seconded that the Report of the Committee on the Good of the Order be received, adopted and entered upon the minutes —Carried.

Moved by Bro H. Glendenning, seconded by Bro W. Brock that the power of regulating the dues of dormant Granges be left in the hands of the Division

Granges, and that the Provincial Grange shall have the power to deal with all matters of this kind where there is no Division Grange in active operation.

This to be considered a notice of motion to Dominion Grange to change the Constitution in this respect.—Carried.

Bro. W. H. White submitted Report of Committee on claims and grievances as follows:

To the W. M., Officers, and Delegates of Ontario Provincial Grange.

Your Committee on Claims and Grievances respectfully beg leave to submit their Report:

First,—That in the charges of McKinnon vs. Bro. W. N. Harris Man. of the G. W. S. Co., that after the fullest investigation and the submission of all the evidence for and against, we are of the opinion that he, Bro. W. N. Harris did not receive a rebate of $3,00 as stated, and Bro. W. N. Harris is hereby exonerated from all blame in regard thereto That Patrons received their machines from the Factory through the G. W. S. Co at wholesale prices viz $25,00, the Co. getting a discount of 10 per cent for cash at 30 days, ½ of which was at first allowed travelling agents of the Company, but complaints arising from these agents of insufficient remuneration they were allowed the whole discount on all machines sold by them and the Co. retaining the full discount on machines handled by the Co. directly, and also that Bro. Harris was not in any way implicated in the cancelling of the agreement of D. S. McKinnon by the Belmont Manufacturing Co.

We further find that at a meeting of the Orangeville Division Grange Bro. W. N. Harris did state that the machines sold to Grangers by D S. McKinnon were second hand. That such statement is disproved by the evidence and that Bro. Harris after making further inquiry withdraws the statement. Also that Bro. W. N. Harris admits that the Co. were misinformed when stating that they believed the Co-operation to be the same machine as the Canadian and now know that they are not the same.

All of which is respectively submitted.

Signed,

R. Currie,
W. H. White,
Alex. Servos,
R. McMordie,
T. S. McLeod,
Eli Crawford,
Chas. Moffatt,
Jas. P. Palmer,

Moved by W H. White, seconded by R. Wilkie that the Report be adopted.—Carried.

Bro. John Darby read Report of Committee on Wool and Mutton as follows:

To the Officers and members of Ontario Provincial Grange.

Your Committee appointed to consider the question of Wool and Mutton beg to Report that they consider the sheep to be the most profitable animal on the farm and would recommend to Patrons the desirability of giving more attention to their breeding and the growth of wool, and in view of the increasing demand for fine wool large quantities of which are imported from other countries for the use of our manufacturers, would consider the Shropshire Downs or a cross between the South Downs and long wooled breeds the most desirable as producing a class of sheep whose wool would command 10 to 15 cents per pound more and as mutton sheep fetch a higher price by fully two cents per

lb. for export to the British market than the coarse wooled breeds, and would further recommend the retaining more of our lambs as weathers and having them fit for the butcher at 15 to 18 months old.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

JOHN DARBY,
J. H. FRAZER,
R. BAKER,
S. T. PETTIT,
W. J. WOODS.

Moved by John Darby, seconded by S. T. Pettit that the Report now read be adopted and engrossed on the minutes.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Robinson, seconded by Bro. J. N. Logan that immediately after Bro. Hilborn's remarks on the Salt Manufacturing Co. we proceed to elect the Officers and Delegates to Dominion Grange for 1884.—Carried.

Moved by S. A. Nelles, seconded by E. Crawford that we do now adjourn until 7.30 o'clock p.m.—Carried.

EVENING SESSION.—7:45 P. M.

Grange resumed business; Worthy Master in the chair.

On motion it was decided that one minute shall be allowed to elapse before closing the nominations for any office.

The Worthy Master named Bros. Tolmie, Lamb and Holmes, scrutineers.

The following were declared duly elected:

Master,	Bro. Alex. Servos,	Niagara	P. O.
Overseer,	" R. Currie,	Wingham	"
Secretary,	" A. Gifford,	Meaford	"
Lecturer,	" D. Kennedy,	Peterboro'	"
Treasurer,	" R. Wilkie,	Blenheim	"
Chaplain,	" D. Wright,	Banks	"
Steward,	" W. Brock,	Adelaide	"
Assist. Steward,	" J. Holmes,	West Winchester	
Gate Keeper,	" J. P. Palmer,	Fenelon Falls.	

Moved and seconded that we do now adjourn until 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.—Carried.

FRIDAY, February 22nd.

FOURTH DAY'S SESSION.

9:10 o'clock a. m. Grange opened in due form by the Worthy Master.

In answer to the question whether the pay sheet was prepared? the Chairman of the Finance Committee replied that he feared the funds would not stand the payments recommended by the Committee in their report.

Moved by Bro. J. Robinson, seconded by Bro. S. Ballachy, that the motion adopting the Report of the Finance Committee be reconsidered.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Robinson, seconded by Bro. Ballachey, that the report of the Finance Committee be referred back to the committee with power to amend as they may think proper.—Carried.

Moved by A. Gifford, seconded by H. Glendenning, that a committee be named by the W. Master to examine the Register and report how many Delegates this Grange is entitled to send to the Dominion Grange.—Carried.

The Worthy Master named Bros. Gifford, Hilborn and Currie a committee in accordance with above resolution.

The Worthy Master, Bro. Doyle, feeling very unwell, asked that Bro. A. Servos take the chair.

Bro A. Servos in the chair.

Moved by Bro. Logan, seconded by Bro. Wood, that we proceed with the election of officers.—Carried.

On Ballott the following were declared duly elected:

Ceres,	Sister	Mrs. W. H. White,	Harwich Centre
Pomona,	"	" S. A. Nelles,	Grimsby.
Flora,	"	" C. Moffatt,	Edge Hill.
L. A. Steward,	"	Miss A. E. Chambers,	Grimsby.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Bro. R. McMordie, ... Kippen. | Bro. T. S. McLeod, .. . Dalsten.

AUDITORS.

Bro. John Tolmie, ... Tiverton | Bro. Chas. Moffatt, .. Edge Hill.

The committee named to report the number of Delegates this Grange is entitled to send to Dominion Grange, say that on the basis fixed by the Constitution we should send twelve, and would recommend that the same be now elected.

Moved by Bro, R J. Doyle, seconded by Bro. J. A. Spence, that it be an instruction from this Grange to Delegates to the Dominion Grange, that the expressed wishes of this Grange so far as to constitutional changes must be carried out by them.—Carried.

Moved by Daniel Wright, seconded by Peter Hepinstal, that the cordial thanks of this Grange be sent by the Worthy Secretary to the Hon. the Minister of Education of Ontario for his liberal presentation of 100 copies of the Educational Report for 1883.—Carried.

Bro. E. H. Kilborn proceeded to address the Grange respecting the position and objects of the Peoples' Salt Company, answering a number of questions, and showing conclusively the great advantages the proposed Company would confer upon the Order.

On motion the Grange suspended business until 2·30 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 p. m. Grange resumed business; Bro. Servos acting W. Master.

Bro. E. H. Hilborn submitted Report of Committee on Temperance.

To the Worthy Master and Members of Ontario Provincial Grange:

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg most respectfully to report,

(1st.) That we have had laid before us petitions issued by the Women's Temperance Union praying for legislation requiring scientific temperance instruction in the Public and High Schools of the country in order that the rising generation may know more of the effects of alcoholic liquors upon the human system, believing that a more general knowledge on that subject would have a beneficial effect not only upon the physical constitution of man but a humanizing effect upon the moral and social stamp of our young men; and your committee would recommend that this Grange sanction the petition, and ask our Subordinate and Division Granges to do the same.

(2nd.) Your Committee have also had laid before them the memorial of one of our Division Granges praying this Grange to press upon the Legislature the necessity of more stringent regulations respecting the licensing of medical practitioners, as in that county they can scarcely find a doctor who can be trusted to administer medicine to a patient on account of his drunken depravity, and your committee feel that so lamentable a complaint, endangering the health and life of the afflicted of our country should not go unheeded, and would recommend that this Grange urge the matter strongly upon the attention of

the government with a view to secure an effective remedy to so unfortunate a state of affairs.

Your Committee have also had laid before them a draft of what is termed an equitable license act, or an act by which the burden of taxation rendered necessary upon the country on account of the excessive use of strong drink shall be borne by those who by their votes authorized the issue of licenses and consequent sale of strong drink.

And your Committee feel that while the Grange is not a temperance organization in the strict sense of the word, it unquestionably has for its object the education and elevation of a very important element in our country; and recognizing a principle of justice that ought to prevail in any connection, we see no reason why the men who are instrumental in laying burdens upon us should not be asked to assume burdens of their own making.

There may be some difficulty in arranging the particulars in order to fairly lay the burden upon the shoulders of the promoters, but your committee are of opinion that it can be done, and would strongly recommend that this Grange throw in its influence toward bringing about so desirable a result.

And we further believe that the creation of a fund from the contributions of those who are responsible for the sale of strong drink, for the maintenance and support of the destitute and helpless directly from that cause might be profitably considered by us.

All which is Fraternally submitted.

MRS. R. J. DOYLE,
MRS. LETHBRIDGE,
MRS. J. C. SHEPLY,
MRS. W. H. WHITE,
S. G. WIGLE.

For information of Granges the following copy of the petition referred to is inserted.

PETITION.

INSTITUTED BY THE WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

To the Hon. the Minister of Education, of the Province of Ontario:

SIR:—Believing that the education of the people would, to a great degree, prevent the evils of intemperance, we, the undersigned Officers and Members of Temperance Societies of the Province of Ontario, desire to urge the introduction of Scientific Temperance instruction into the Public and High Schools of the Province of Ontario.

We would respectfully, but very earnestly call your attention:

1st.—To the terrible effects caused by the excessive use of alcoholic liquors upon the health, mind and morals of large numbers of our people, and pressing necessity for some sure and effective remedy therefor.

2nd.—That in a large majority of cases the habit of drinking is contracted by children and youth without any correct knowledge of the nature of alcoholic liquors, and their effects upon the human system.

3rd.—That no more efficient medium than the Public School can be found for imparting this much needed knowledge to the rising generation of our country, thus furnishing them at the very threshold of life, with the best means for avoiding what the celebrated Dr. Adam Clarke has so justly denominated "The Enemy of the Human Race."

4th.—That in London, Manchester, Birmingham, Edinburg, and other large cities of Great Britain, Scientific Temperance Instruction has been introduced as a regular part of school work, and with best possible results.

5th.—That in many states, cities and towns in the United States, Temperance Text Books have been introduced, and this course is endorsed by their best educators and philanthropists, Temperance and Hygiene having been placed on the school curriculum.

In connection with "Temperance and Hygiene," we earnestly request that you will order adequate stated instruction to be given on this subject to the pupils attending the Public and High Schools, with a view to their examination on the subject for promotion. We also respectfully ask that a Text Book be authorized on this subject. Specimen copies are forwarded with this Petition. The following approved text books are suggested for reference or to be introduced into the schools :—Dr. Richardson's text book on Temperance ; Alcohol and Hygiene, Miss Colman ; Temperance text book, G. D. Platt, of Picton, Ont. These may be obtained from J. N. Stearn's, 58 Reade Street, New York or Mrs. T. Pratt, 6 East Avenue North, Hamilton.

Moved and seconded, that the Report of the Committee on Temperance be received, adopted, and engrossed on the minutes.—Carried.

Moved by R. J. Doyle, seconded by Bro. Palmer, that the Petition referred to in the Report on Temper nce be signed by the Master and Secretary and sealed with the seal of this Grange, and forwarded to the Minister of Education.—Carried.

The Grange proceeded to the election of Delegates to the Dominion Grange.

Moved by Bro. R. J. Doyle, seconded by Bro. W. H. White, that after nominations are closed the names of those proposed as Delegates shall be written on slips by a committee appointed by the Worthy Master and given to voters, who shall make a mark opposite the name of the party or parties for whom they wish to vote.—Carried.

In amendment with foregoing motion Bros. Glendenning, Crysler and Holmes were appointed to write voters' slips

The Ballot being completed the Scrutineers proceeded to make the count.

Bro. J. Robinson submitted Report of Committee on Legislation.

Moved by A Gifford, seconded by H. Glendenning, that the report of the Committee on Legislation be read and considered clause by clause.—Carried.

Bro. Robinson having obtained leave to retire Bro. H. Glendenning read report clause by clause.

Moved by J C. Sheply, seconded by R. J. Doyle, that the Executive Committee of this Grange in conjunction with the Secretary be a committee to wait upon the Ontario Government and request the repeal of these clauses of the Drainage Act referred to in the Report of the Com. on Legislation.—Carried.

Moved and seconded, that further consideration of the report of the Committee on Legislation be postponed until the Finance Committee's report is disposed of and the officers have been installed.—Carried.

Bro. G. Hood read supplementary report of Finance Com. as follows:

We, your Committee on Finance have, as instructed by you, reconsidered our report, and having so far as we could estimated the amount of money required, believe that there is a sufficiency in the Treasurer's hands to settle the claims in full and still leave a balance in the treasury, and therefore beg to sustain said report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

GEO. HOOD,
H. REID,
W. CLARK,
ARCH. MCLACHLAN,
JOHN DARBY.

The Scrutineers reported the following Delegates elected to Dom. Grange:

Bro. A. Gifford,	Bro. J. Robinson,	Bro. R. Currie,
" H. Glendenning,	" R. J. Doyle,	" T. S. McLeod,
" R. Wilkie,	" R. McMordie.	" A. Servos,
" C. Moffatt,	" S. A. Nelles,	" J. Trull.

Moved and seconded, that the supplementary report of the Finance Committee be received, adopted, and engrossed on the minutes.—Carried.

Bro. Daniel Wright submitted Report of Committee on Insurance, as follows:—

To the Worthy Master and Members of Ontario Provincial Grange:

The report of your Committee on Insurance respectfully sheweth, that your Committee have much pleasure in reporting the continued success of the Dominion Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Association during the past.

The Grange has increased the amount at risk from $5,328,893 to $5,706,465, being a net increase of $377,572. The capital has increased during the year $9,122.16, being now $129,820.96.

The Company returned to members whose polices expired during the year for unexpended premiums the sum of $1094.76, being nearly double the amount paid back as savings in any previous year.

The losses during 1883 were comparatively light being only $4403.18. The Company has now invested at interest for the benefit of the policy holders $14,740.

The General Branch has now at risk $1,153,960 against $801,907 at risk at the close of the previous year. The capital of the General Branch has increased during the year from $17,280.74 to $24,920.80.

The losses in this Branch during the past year amounted to about $1400. This Branch has no liabilities whatever.

The Grange Branch had liabilities consisting of two small unsettled claims for damage to buildings, and some trifling accounts amounting in all to about $60, of which the sum of $50, has since been paid.

Your Committee are pleased to be able to report that your Insurance Company is becoming more and more appreciated as its principles are better known and understood.

Your Committee beg also to report that the Mutual Aid Association issued in 1883 1118 Certificates of membership, paid to Beneficiaries $9678; the number of deaths of members during the year being 8. The Association has now 2300 members in good standing. The whole cost to members during the year 1883 for assessment was eight (8) dollars to each. The claims varied in amount from $1100 to $1600.

Your Committee deeply regret that a Bill (No. 72) is now before the Legislature, to repeal Section Twenty-one of the Act respecting Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, being chapter one hundred and thirty-one of the Revised Statutes which provides that Mutual Fire Ins. Companies be enabled to collect any amounts due them, in the Division Courts nearest the head office, and recommend that this Grange petition the Legislature that said Bill be not passed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

J. Trull,
R. J. Doyle,
D. Wright,
R. McMordie.

Moved and seconded, that the Report of the Committee on Insurance be received, adopted, and engrossed on the minutes.—Carried.

Bro. T. S. McLeod submitted Report on Commercial Relations.

We, your Committee on Commercial Relations, beg to report:

That no suggestions have been handed to them, and therefore suppose the commercial relations already existing are satisfactory.

Your Committee would say that they heard with much pleasure the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, exonerating Bro. W. N Harris, Manager of the Grange Wholesale Supply Co., from the very serious charges preferred against him by Bro. D S. McKinnon, and also were glad to see the hearty manner in which said Report was adopted by the Grange. Your committee would also express their confidence in the integrity of Bro. Harris, sympathising with him on account of the many attacks made upon him and the Company of which he is the Manager by outsiders, who would be pleased to see the Grange Company crushed outside of existence, and would recommend the Subordinate Granges to give the Company all the support which they can by taking stock in order to increase the cash capital, and also being prompt in their remittances.

Your Committee would also call attention to the fact that article 31 of the By-law of the Company makes a provision for complaints of this nature being made to the Directors, a course they regret was not adopted on this occasion before the matter was made public, as they believe much valuable time would have been saved thereby, and they think that Bro. Harris is entitled to the thanks of this Grange for the facilities which he has afforded for investigating a matter over which the Provincial Grange had legally no control.

Your Committee feel they cannot recommend the proposal made by Mr. McKinnon that a guarantee should be given by this Grange for the purchase of a certain number of sewing machines, but would advise Subordinate Granges to exercise their own discretion in the matter as to which of the different machines offered to them is the cheapest and the best.

We would also recommend that the facilities offered by the Supply Co. in the way of disposing of our produce should be more largely taken advantage of.

Signed,

THOS. S. MCLEOD,
JOHN MCMANNUS,
WM BROCK,
JOHN TOLMIE.

Moved and seconded, that the report of the Committee on Commercial Relations be adopted and engrossed on the minutes.—Carried.

By request of the Worthy Master Bro. R. J. Doyle administered the obligation of office to the officers elect, the time being too limited for the full installation service.

Moved by J. C. Sheply, seconded by R. Currie, that the Executive Committee of this Grange in conjunction with the Secretary, be authorized to memorialize the Dominion Government that we consider the thirty millions of a subsidy asked for the Canada Pacific Railway would, if granted, be an injustice to the farmers of this Dominion, and that it should not be granted.—Carried.

Moved by R. J. Doyle, seconded by J. C. Sheply, that the motion of J. C. Sheply relating to the subsidy asked for by the Canada Pacific be telegraphed at once to the Premier and also to the leader of the Opposition.—Carried.

Moved and seconded, that the Grange suspend business until 7.30 o'clock this evening.—Carried.

EVENING SESSION.—8 O'CLOCK.

Grange resumed business; Worthy Master in the chair.

The Report of the Committee on Legislation was taken from the table and its reading proceeded with, being finally adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

We, your Committee on Legislation, beg leave to report as follows:

The limited amount of time allotted to us to take into consideration the various suggestions and amendments proposed to the laws of the Province prevents us from doing justice to the questions brought. But we feel that many of the questions presented are of vital importance and should be earnestly dealt with.

In regard to the suggestions from the County of Essex, that the Drainage Act should be amended, we would recommend that in the Drainage Act of 36 Vic., chap. 28, section 25 said section be so amended that it shall require at least one-third of those interested to petition the Township Council before compelling a drain to be cleaned out; and further that the power of Engineers be so limited that it shall require a majority of all parties interested in any tap drain to sign a petition to the Township Council before any drain or part of a drain already constructed be removed from the original place of construction.

Also that Railway Companies shall be subject to the same conditions as the farmer under the Drainage Act.

(Clause ordered to be added by Grange.)

"That this Grange is deeply impressed with the injustice of the present Drainage Act which allows persons in towns and villages, and small landholders generally, an equal voice in creating drainage debts with large landholders, therefore we pray that this Act may be amended."

In the County Councils your Committee are of the opinion that a large reduction should be made in the number of members composing the County Councils. We believe that the number of members in the largest counties should not exceed twelve members. Counties should be divided into electoral districts, and such divisions should be based upon the assessed value of the property represented and not upon the number of ratepayers; and that the incorporated towns and villages should be grouped together for representative purposes in County Councils.

That the fiscal year should end in Township Councils on the first day of December, and that one Auditor should be elected each year for a term of two years, at the time of the election of the Council, and the Auditors' statement of receipts and expenditure, assets and liabilities, including unpaid contracts to be placed in the electors not later than on nomination day.

Re. Master and Servant.

The farm servant should have the first lein on the proceeds of his labor, but should not be able to obtain wages when services were not performed.

Respecting the question from Division Grange No. 4, relating to the custom of Pork Packers taking 2 lbs. from every hundred pounds of pork, and that of Grain Buyers taking 10 lbs. from each load of grain, we think there is no provision in the law for any such reduction.

Your Committee approve of the Torrens system of Land Transfer, believing that it would very much reduce the expenses and facilitate the transfer of titles, and we would suggest that the Executive Committee be instructed to memorialize the Legislature on this question.

We are of the opinion that the Assessment Laws need amendment; we think that all values should be assessed on an equality with real estate. All

property real and personal, individual and corporate should be equally taxed with Bonds, Stocks, Mortgages, and other liens as the case may be, and the owners of mortgaged estates for balance of value on such property.

That the existing law relating to the sale of poison should be so amended that Paris Green should be sold by ordinary dealers.

Under the existing law of the Dominion the Inspectors of Weights and Measures are appointed for large Districts, which makes it almost impossible to get scales inspected on short notice. We would therefore recommend that an Inspector be appointed in every municipality, and that the maximum amount of charges for examining a single scale should not be more than fifty cents, and that in case an application is made to have the scales of any dealer inspected, and it should be found they were incorrect then the dealer should pay for such inspection, otherwise the inspection should be paid for by the party making the application.

In regard to the many suggestions handed in relative to the tariff, your Committee feel that they are beyond the jurisdiction of this Committee; but would recommend that the Delegates appointed to the Dominion Grange bring the question of tariff on wool, wheat, salt, plaster and other fertilizers before that body, with a view of having them fully discussed.

We would recommend that the petitions so numerously signed be given to the Executive Committee to be forwarded to the respective Governments to which they are addressed. We also recommend that this Report be forwarded to the Local Government during the present session.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

JABEL ROBINSON,
ROBERT CURRIE,
JAMES CONNELL,
J. C. SHEPLY,
A. GIFFORD,
HY. GLENDENNING.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the Ontario Provincial Grange:

We, your Auditors, have carefully examined the books of your Secretary and Treasurer with their various vouchers, and are pleased to state that we find them in both instances correct, and we append a detailed statement of Receipts and Expenditures.

RECEIPTS.

Balance as per last audit	$ 995 92	
Dues from Secretary	1724 89	
Agricul. and Arts Association	298 02	
Interest	25 77	
Total receipts		$3044 60

EXPENDITURE.

Printing	$129 50
Dues from Dominion Grange	842 82
Executive Committee	130 02
Delegates to Provincial Grange	519 38
Salaries	247 50
Miscellaneous	81 13
Total	$1891 35

Which leaves a balance in the Treasurer's hands of $1153.25. We also find miscellaneous expenditures on the Secretary's books amounting to $65 36. which does not appear in the Treasurer's books. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed JOHN TOLMIE,
G. B. MILLER.

20th February, 1884.

Moved by Bro. Ballachey, seconded by Bro D. H. Morden, That this Grange present its thanks to the Hon. the Minister of Education for the Reports on Scientific Butter Making which he so kindly presented to this Grange. Carried

Moved by J. C. Shepley, seconded by R. Wilkie, that we have 2,000 copies of the proceedings of this Session of Provincial Grange printed. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Hugh Reid, seconded by Bro. R. Wilkie, That the resolution passed respecting the grant to the C. P. R. Co., be rescinded on account of some of the patrons being of the opinion that it is introducing politics into the Grange contrary to the Constitution. Carried.

Moved by R. Wilkie, and J. C Shepley, That the caretaker of this hall be paid a gratuity of $4. Carried.

Moved by Bro. S. G. Wigle, seconded Bro. R. Wilkie That this Grange now close in regular order with the understanding that on all future occasions, and in all Granges we carry out fully, as far as we know, all the signs and forms of the Order. Carried.

Grange duly closed by the Worthy Master.

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OFFICERS

—OF THE—

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL GRANGE

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OFFICE,	NAME,	P. O.
Worthy Master,	A. Servos,	Niagara.
" Overseer,	R. Currie,	Wingham.
" Secretary,	A. Gifford.	Meaford.
" Lecturer,	D. Kennedy,	Peterboro.
" Treasurer,	R. Wilkie,	Blenheim.
" Chaplain,	D. Wright,	Banks.
" Steward,	W. Brock,	Adelaide.
" Ass't Steward,	J. Holmes,	W. Winchester.
" Gate Keeper,	J. D. Palmer,	Fenelon Falls.

LADY OFFICERS:

Ceres,	Mrs W. H. White,	Harwich Centre.
Pomona,	Mrs. S. A. Nelles,	Grimsby.
Flora,	Mrs. C. Moffatt,	Edge Hill.
L. A. Steward,	Miss A. E. Chambers,	Grimsby,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—R. McMordie, Kippen; T. S. McLeod, Dalston.

AUDITORS—J. Tolmie, Tiverton; Chas. Moffatt, Edge Hill.